TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

DR. FORBES M. MOIR,

LATE

DEMONSTRATOR OF ANATOMY,

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.

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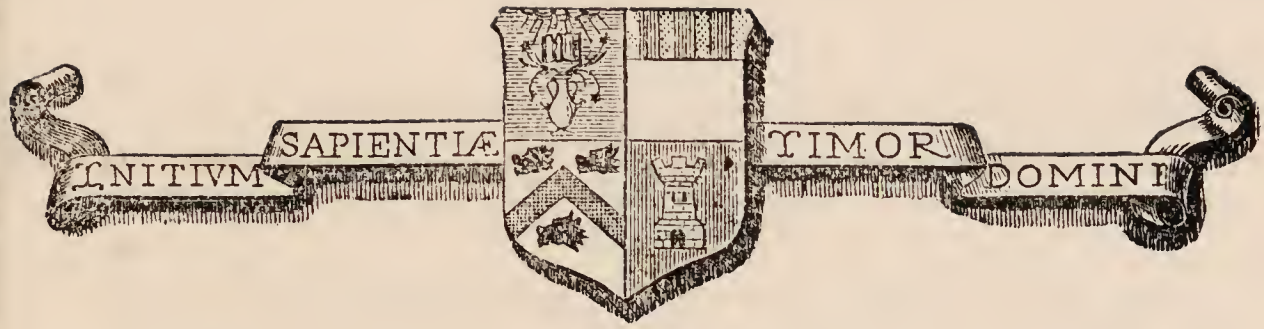

University of Aberdeen.

These are to Certify, that on occasion of his being admitted, by this University, to the Degrees of

Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery,

FORBES MAITLAND MOIR

Was found Entitled to

The Highest Academical Honours.

P. C. CAMPBELL, D.D.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

J. MACROBIN, M.D., Prof. of Medicine and Dean,
Promoter to the Degree of M.B.

WILLIAM PIRRIE, C.M., M.D., Prof. of Surgery,
Promoter to the Degree of C.M.

Given at the University of Aberdeen, the 23rd day of April, 1873.

JAS. S. BRAZIER,
Secretary to the Faculty of Medicine.

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TESTIMONIALS.

From JOHN STRUTHERS, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY, Aberdeen University; Corresponding Member of the Paris Medical Society; late Lecturer on Anatomy, Edinburgh; Examiner and Member of Council, R.C.S., Edinburgh. Author of "Anatomical and Physiological Observations," &c., &c.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
June 1st, 1876.

Dr. F. MAITLAND MOIR having applied to me for a testimonial, I have much pleasure in stating what I have had the opportunity of observing during my considerable acquaintance with him as one of my students and subsequently as my Assistant in the University.

Dr. Moir soon attracted my notice as a student by his proficiency, and continued to do so by the distinctions which he gained at the end of each Session. He gained the Highest Honours in my class, and, I am aware, in other classes besides. These distinctions he attained under difficulties, the surmounting of which reflected the greatest honour on him, besides attesting his ability and power of hard work. There is no class of persons in our University, or indeed anywhere, for whom I entertain greater respect than for those students who not only distinguish themselves, but who at the same time have to engage in teaching in order to provide for their own further education. Dr. Moir was signally one of these, and, although Medical study

requires the whole time and energies of the ordinary student, he had, notwithstanding, the proud distinction of taking the highest place amongst his fellow-students.

From his proficiency in my class I selected him to fill the position of Demonstrator of Anatomy. He discharged his duties in that capacity, as my Assistant, during the year following his graduation, with his usual activity and efficiency, and I offered to re-appoint him if he desired. In this position he could not fail to acquire that practical familiarity with Anatomy which will be of use to him through life.

Since that time Dr. Moir has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Aberdeen, and has, I understand, already attained considerable success. I have no doubt that, in the discharge of the duties of whatever appointment Dr. Moir may receive, he will bring to bear the same enormous activity and working power which he displayed when he was connected with me.

(Signed) JOHN STRUTHERS.

From WILLIAM PIRRIE, A.M., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E., &c., PROFESSOR OF SURGERY in the University of Aberdeen; Senior Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery.

253 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, *May 29, 1876.*

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in certifying that DR.

Forbes Moir was, during the whole period of his under-graduate study, one of the most distinguished, if not the *most distinguished student*, at the University of Aberdeen; that he gained the *highest prize in almost every class;* that he graduated with the highest honours both in Medicine and in *Surgery;* that he was my assistant in the Class of Surgery; that he was House Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen during one year; that he performed the duties of the above-mentioned offices with a zeal that could not be surpassed; and that he was Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen during one winter and summer session, which must be allowed was an admirable training for an Hospital Surgeon.

I had ample opportunities of forming a correct appreciation of the talents and acquirements of Dr. Forbes Moir, and I can safely say I know no one, of the same standing, who is better, or as well qualified to perform the duties of an Hospital Surgeon.

WILLIAM PIRRIE.

From DAVID FIDDES, M.D., F.R.S.E., Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; and formerly Examiner in Medicine, in the University of Aberdeen.

154 Union Street,
Aberdeen, *29th May, 1876.*

I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. F. Maitland Moir as eminently qualified to fill the

vacancy in the Surgical Staff of the Infirmary caused by the resignation of Dr. Kerr.

I became acquainted with him when he commenced to study his Profession at the Infirmary, and more particularly when he was House Surgeon to it. At that time I was acting as one of the Surgeons, and had therefore many opportunities of judging of his qualifications for the Office; and I have no hesitation in certifying that they are of a high order.

He has devoted his energies chiefly to the study of Surgery, and by his thorough knowledge of Anatomy, (for he was Assistant Professor of Anatomy), and general intelligence, professional and otherwise, and by his activity, he is well qualified for the office.

(Signed) DAVID FIDDES, M.D., &c.
Consulting Surgeon.

From Dr. KERR, Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, &c.

ABERDEEN, *31st May, 1876.*

Understanding that Dr. F. MOIR is a candidate for the post of Junior Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, I have much pleasure in stating my opinion of his character and professional attainments. He has been intimately known to me for several years. For six months he was Clinical Clerk in my wards in the Royal Infirmary, and afterwards House Surgeon in the same Institution for twelve months. From being thus brought in almost daily intercourse with him, I had

many opportunities of watching the skill, energy, and care he brought to bear on the management of the cases. When I say that he graduated with Highest Honours in Medicine and Surgery, that he is a gentlemen of good character and sound principle, I need add nothing more to recommend him to the Managers of the Infirmary for this appointment.

(Signed) DAVID KERR.

From J. C. OGILVIE WILL, M.D., Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

12 Union Terrace,
Aberdeen, *May 30, 1876.*

As I know Dr. F. M. Moir to be an accomplished Anatomist, a skilled diagnostician, a daring, yet thoroughly trustworthy operator, and the possessor of a large acquaintance with surgical literature, it gives me extreme pleasure to certify as to his peculiar fitness for the office he now seeks. I have on several occasions assisted him at operations, and I have beheld with admiration the cool, skilful, and dexterous manner in which he performed difficult and trying surgical procedures. Should Dr. Moir be successful in obtaining the appointment for which he is a candidate, I feel assured that he will discharge all the duties pertaining to it faithfully, zealously, and most efficiently, and that

his connection with the Hospital will prove of much benefit alike to the patients, his colleagues, and the Medical School, with which the Institution is so closely connected.

J. C. OGILVIE WILL, M.D.

From J. W. F. SMITH-SHAND, Prof. of Practice of Medicine, Aberdeen University; Senior Physician, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

Aberdeen, *30th May, 1876.*

I have much pleasure in expressing the high opinion which I entertain of the qualifications of Dr. F. M. Moir.

Possessed of excellent abilities, sound judgment, and a thorough knowledge of his profession, I consider that Dr. Moir is extremely well fitted for any public Hospital or Parochial appointment, and that he would discharge any duties required of him with acceptance and success.

J. W. F. SMITH-SHAND, M.D.

From R. BEVERIDGE, M.B., L.R.C.S.E., Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, and Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, *May 29, 1876.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the talents and professional acquirements of Dr. Forbes

M. Moir. To high natural abilities he adds habits of close and careful study, which combined with his zeal and diligence in prosecuting his profession, have marked his whole career. His intimate acquaintance with Anatomy, of which subject he was for a time teacher in the Medical School here, and the experience he has had in the practice of his profession, both point him out as well qualified to undertake the duties of Hospital Surgeon, for which position he is now a candidate; and I believe he would be an acquisition to the Medical Staff of the Infirmary.

(Signed) R. BEVERIDGE, M.B., &c.

From ANGUS FRASER, M.D., Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, &c. &c.

193 Union Street,
Aberdeen, *18th April, 1874.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high professional attainments of Dr. F. Maitland Moir. He was a distinguished student, taking his Medical and Surgical degrees with "highest Academical Honours", and he diligently availed himself of every means for professional improvement. He acted for a year as House Surgeon in the Aberdeen Infirmary, and I know, performed the duties in a highly creditable manner.

I therefore believe him to be well qualified to fill any Medical appointment where skill, attention, and zeal are required.

(Signed) ANGUS FRASER, M.D.

From ROBERT G. RATTRAY, M.D., M.R.C.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, Aberdeen; formerly Lecturer on Materia Medica, King's College, Aberdeen.

ROYAL INFIRMARY,
ABERDEEN, *11th April, 1874.*

I BEG leave to bear testimony to the qualifications and abilities of Dr. FORBES M. MOIR, who was for some time Resident Assistant to the Surgeons of this Hospital.

Having received a very complete preliminary education, Dr. Moir entered on a course of Medical study at this University, where he soon took a place in the first order of students, and that he was worthy of such a place was shown by his having taken the first prizes in several of the departments of Medical Science, amongst others those of Anatomy and Physiology, and by taking his degrees in Medicine and Surgery with Highest Honours.

Whilst an officer of this Institution, Dr. Moir was active, attentive, and ever ready and competent to perform the duties of his post. Since he left us he has been employed as Assistant to the Professor of Ana-

tomy in the University, where he has had the best possible opportunity of perfecting his knowledge of that subject, and also of acquiring the art of instructing others in it. I have frequently had occasion to notice the ability which Dr. Moir displayed in bringing out the important points of that subject, both in regard to their theoretical and practical bearings.

I am, therefore, of opinion that Dr. Moir is well prepared to undertake the duties of a Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology in any Medical School.

(Signed) ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D., &c.

From JOHN MACROBIN, M.D., &c., late Dean of the Medical Faculty in the University of Aberdeen, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE in the University of Aberdeen.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *31st May, 1876.*

I HAVE great pleasure in expressing the high opinion which I entertain of the professional qualifications of DR. FORBES M. MOIR for the office of Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

Dr. Moir showed throughout his under-graduate course great industry and ability in the acquisition of science in the different departments of the profession, in proof of which he gained the first prize in most of the classes,—in Anatomy, Physiology, Botany, Surgery, Natural History with Comparative Anatomy, and

Practical Chemistry. Having specially devoted himself to Anatomy, he was selected by the Professor to the important office of Demonstrator. In this capacity Dr. Moir has regularly given instruction and lectures to the students with much satisfaction.

Previous to this appointment he acted as Assistant to the Professor of Botany, and also held the office of House Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

His general education is good. Dr. Moir is, in all respects, deserving the highest commendation.

Dr. Moir is an excellent Anatomist, and, with the zeal and ability which he brings to bear on his work, I am satisfied that, should he be elected to the office, he will fulfil all the duties with much credit to himself, and benefit to the patients.

J. MACROBIN, M.D.

From ALEXANDER HARVEY, M.D., &c., PROFESSOR OF MATERIA MEDICA in the University of Aberdeen; Consulting Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Author of "Trees and their Nature; or, the Bud and its Attributes," &c., &c.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *May 29, 1876.*

I HAVE peculiar satisfaction in giving expression to the high opinion I entertain of the varied abilities and of the professional and scientific acquirements of DR.

Forbes Maitland Moir, M.B. and C.M,. of this University.

All through his course of study at this Medical School, Dr. Moir was one of the foremost, if not *the foremost*, man of his time. Distinguished he was for abilities of the highest order,—and for zeal and success in the prosecution of his studies. *He was first prizeman in almost every class* in which prizes were awarded:—in Anatomy, Physiology, Botany, Zoology with Comparative Anatomy, Practical Chemistry, and *Surgery*, and second prizeman in the one or two remaining classes. And on taking out his degrees of M.B. and C.M., he did so with *Highest Academical Honours.*

This special distinction is one that is attained by an exceedingly small number of our graduates; and it always implies a very high order of merit.

While yet a student, Dr. Moir was appointed by the Committee of Management, *Resident* Assistant to the Surgical Staff of the Royal Infirmary here, an office he held for twelve months to the entire satisfaction of the staff and committee, and to his own great advantage as regards acquiring a practical knowledge of an important department of practice.

Moreover, while still a student, he was appointed by my colleague, Dr. Dickie, to the office of Assistant in the Chair of Botany. Still farther, subsequently to his graduation, he was appointed by Dr. Struthers, with the

sanction of the University Court, to the highly important office of Assistant-Professor in the department of Anatomy.

Since settling in practice in this city, Dr. Moir has given his attention specially to the higher, or the operative departments of Surgery; and he has already successfully performed not a few of the "capital" operations in Surgery. From the experience he has had—formerly as Resident House Surgeon, and more recently in private practice,—from his taste for operative Surgery,—and from his thorough knowledge of Anatomy, Dr. Moir's appointment as one of the Surgeons to the Royal Infirmary, would, I am well satisfied, be advantageous alike to the Institution itself, and to our Medical School.

ALEX. HARVEY, M.D., &c.

From HENRY JACKSON, M.D., Member of Committee of the General Council, Aberdeen University.

19 Golden Square,
Aberdeen, *8th April, 1874.*

Understanding that Dr. Forbes M. Moir is a Candidate for the Surgeonship to the Royal Infirmary, I have very great pleasure in stating that I believe him to be well fitted to fill the office to which he aspires.

As I am of opinion that the Professors and others under whom he has studied at our University will bear both willing and abundant testimony as to his scientific and professional acquirements for the said office, as well as to his brilliant University career while a student here, I shall therefore content myself with stating that during the whole period of his studies, he conducted himself with most exemplary propriety; and while he gave evidence that he possessed far more than the average power of application to the subject matter under consideration, he at the same time gave abundant proof that he possessed abilities of a very high order.

I have enjoyed many opportunities of forming an opinion as to the practical application of his knowledge —both in Medicine and Surgery—and from what I know, I have no hesitation in stating that he will make, if spared, an excellent position for himself either as a Teacher or Practitioner.

Should he be fortunate enough to obtain the appointment at the Royal Infirmary, I can with all confidence assure the Managers that they will secure an able and promising Surgeon.

(Signed) HENRY JACKSON, M.D., &c.

From ANGUS MACDONALD, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S.E., LECTURER ON MIDWIFERY AND THE DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN Medical School, Edinburgh; Examiner in Chemistry, R.C.P., Edinburgh; formerly Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh; Editor of "Dr. Scoresby Jackson's Note-Book of Materia Medica."

41 NORTHMUBERLAND STREET,
EDINBURGH, *16th April, 1874.*

I have the privilege of knowing Dr. FORBES M. MOIR intimately, and gladly avail myself of this opportunity of testifying to the high opinion I have formed of his ability and acquirements. His high distinction as a student has been, since his graduation, fully maintained by him as a medical practitioner, as a teacher of Anatomy, and otherwise. In short, from all I know of him, I consider Dr. Moir to be a gentleman of great natural ability, indefatigable energy, extensive and varied education, especially in the departments of Anatomy and Physiology, and possessed of glowing enthusiasm for the welfare and advancement of medical science in its various branches.

Adding to these qualifications his special opportunities of acquiring experience, teaching Anatomy and Physiology, as assistant to the Professor of Anatomy in Aberdeen, I can scarcely imagine it possible to find a gentleman better qualified than he to undertake the duty of Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.

(Signed) ANGUS MACDONALD, M.A., M.D.,
Edin., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E.,

From JAMES CANTLIE, M.A., M.B., C.M., DEMONSTRATOR OF ANATOMY, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL,
LONDON, *15th April, 1874.*

IT affords me much pleasure to testify to the abilities of FORBES MAITLAND MOIR, M.B., C.M., of the University of Aberdeen

I have had ample opportunity of knowing Dr. Moir intimately.

From his first entering at the University he took the first place in his class, and maintained that position throughout the whole of his career. He carried off first prizes in Anatomy, Physiology, Surgery, Botany, Natural History, and Chemistry; and at the end of his course took his degree with "Highest Academical Honours".

As rewards for his diligence and applied abilities, he was appointed House Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and was raised to the Assistant-Professorship of Anatomy, or Demonstrator of Anatomy, by the Senatus.

In the latter office of Demonstrator of Anatomy, Dr. Moir has had a very large number of students to superintend, and thus been able to improve the art of communicating his knowledge to others.

Dr. Moir has enjoyed the inestimable advantage of being a pupil of Professor Struthers, and associated as he now is with him as a teacher, will not fail to have

pursued the same course of teaching that distinguishes Professor Struthers as an excellent and scientific anatomist, and a pleasing and skilled teacher.

Dr. Moir's social character being of a high order, is fully evinced by the good feeling he has always maintained with professors and students.

(Signed) JAMES CANTLIE, M.A., M.B., C.M.

From GEORGE OGILVIE, M.D., &c., PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY, Aberdeen University; Fellow of the Botanical Society, Edinburgh, &c.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
10th April, 1874.

"DR. MOIR has distinguished himself throughout his whole college course by the assiduity with which he has pursued his studies under great difficulties; and he took his degrees of M.B. and C.M. here with the *Highest Academical Honours.*

"During his attendance on the course of Physiology in 1871-72, he obtained the *First Prize* in a series of competitive examinations."

(Signed) GEO. OGILVIE, M.D.,
Professor of Physiology.

From J. NICOL, F.G.S., F.R.S.E., PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE ANATOMY WITH ZOOLOGY, University of Aberdeen.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *18th April, 1872.*

I hereby certify that Mr. FORBES M. MOIR attended

my course of Lectures on Zoology with Comparative Anatomy, during the Summer Session 1871. He was a very regular, diligent, and successful student, and gained *the Highest Prize* in the Competition of the Class. From his appearances at the examinations, I formed a high opinion of his abilities, whilst his general good conduct and attention to his studies lead me to expect that he will give full satisfaction in any office to which he may be appointed.

(Signed) JAMES NICOL,
Professor of Natural History,
University of Aberdeen.

From G. DICKIE, M.D., F.L.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, *19th July, 1872.*

Mr. Moir was a student in my class during Sessions 1869 and 1870; at the end of the former he received an honorary certificate for very satisfactory attainments, and in 1870 he gained the *highest rank* at the class examination at the end of the course.

His progress in my department was such that in 1872 I secured his services as my assistant. I have much satisfaction in stating my belief that his acquirements in theoretical and practical Botany are such that in any position requiring such knowledge, Mr. M.'s services would be very valuable.

(Signed) G. DICKIE, M.D., &c.

From JAMES BRAZIER, F.C.S., PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY in the University of Aberdeen.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *5th March, 1872.*

I have much pleasure in stating what I know of the attainments of Mr. FORBES MAITLAND MOIR while under me as a student.

Mr. Moir attended the Theoretical Class of Chemistry in Session 1869-70, and the Practical Class during the Summer of 1870. Upon both of these occasions his attention and diligence were made conspicuous by his taking good positions in the order of merit,—in the Winter Session, by his taking one of the three prizes awarded at its close; in the Summer, by his name appearing *first* in the list of those entitled to receive Testimonials.

Mr. Moir has already passed his First Professional Examination, and I was extremely gratified to find on that occasion that he was still able to maintain his high position. Mr. Moir was *the only Candidate* in his term who, in the First Professional Examination, passed it with *the Highest Order of Merit.*

(Signed) JAS. S. BRAZIER.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, *1st June, 1876.*

DR. F. MOIR carried off the Second Prize in the Medical Jurisprudence Class at the conclusion of the Session 1872-3.

(Signed) F. OGSTON.

From A. VANS BEST, M.D., F.R.C.S., England; late Surgeon to the Bengal Army; and *pro tem.* PROFESSOR OF MIDWIFERY, University of Aberdeen.

214 UNION STREET,
ABERDEEN, *7th April, 1874.*

I HAVE great pleasure in saying that since I became acquainted with DR. F. M. MOIR of Aberdeen University, I have known him to be a devoted Anatomist, and most able assistant at any operation I have performed or been present at. His position of Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University shows he has his heart in the work.

(Signed) A. VANS BEST, M.D., &c.

From Rev. JAMES ALLAN, M.A., Keith, Banffshire.

MANSE OF KEITH, *15th April, 1874.*

I HAVE been intimately acquainted with Dr. F. M. MOIR for several years, and have had the best opportunities of knowing him thoroughly, and of observing, as I have with sincere gratification, his distinguished career at the Medical School of the University of Aberdeen, and the highly honourable position which he took on the occasion of his graduation at the close of his curriculum. Dr. Moir is possessed of natural abilities of the highest order; and I have always admired the unflagging zeal and assiduity, as well as the singular facility and success, with which he has applied himself to the acquisition of knowledge, both general and professional, and also the unyielding determination and energy with which he has persevered in his studies in the face of difficulties and hindrances, which to most students would have proved utterly baffling and insurmountable. It is needless for me to say anything of his professional skill and attainments. These will be testified to by others whose opinion on such points is deserving of far more consideration than mine can be.

During his course of study he has been more or less engaged in the work of teaching, and has always performed that work with marked ability and success. His ability has also been tested in the appointment which he now holds as Demonstrator of Anatomy in

the University in which he studied; and I have reason to know from a conversation I had with the Professor of Anatomy, and also from the testimony of my son who was studying under him during last session, that he has been carrying on his work with very great satisfaction and profit to all concerned.

From all I know of Dr. Moir, I firmly believe that he is eminently qualified for the office for which he has become a candidate, and that, if appointed to that office, he will discharge his duties with marked fidelity and efficiency.

JAMES ALLAN, M.A.,
Minister of Keith.

Honorary Posts and Opportunities of Professional Improvement held by Dr. F. M. MOIR.

Dresser in Dr. Pirrie's Wards, Royal Infirmary, for nine months.

Clinical Clerk to Dr. Kerr for six months in Royal Infirmary.

Class Assistant to the Professor of Surgery, in Session 1871-2.

Assistant to the Professor of Botany in Summer Session, 1872.

Prosector for the Class of Anatomy in Session 1871-2, and Summer Session 1872.

House-Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, from May, 1872, to May, 1873.

Demonstrator of Anatomy, or Assistant to the Professor of Anatomy, in Session 1872-3, and Summer Session 1874.

List of Honours gained by Dr. FORBES M. MOIR, at Aberdeen University.

Summer, 1869—Honorary Certificate for Botany.

Winter, 1869-70—3rd Prize in Chemistry.

" " 3rd in Anatomy.

Summer, 1870—*First* Prize in Botany.

" " —*First* Prize in Practical Chemistry.

Winter, 1870-71—University Prize for *Surgery*.

" " *First* Prize for best Course of Lectures in *Surgery*.

Summer, 1871—*First* Prize in Zoology with Comparative Anatomy.

Winter, 1871-72—*First* Prize in Physiology.

" " *First* Prize in Anatomy.

" " *First* Prize in *Surgery*.

Winter, 1872-73—3rd in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children.

Winter, 1872-73.—2nd Prize in Medical Jurisprudence.

"Mr. Moir was *the only candidate* in his term who, in the First Professional Examination, passed it with *the highest order* of Merit."—(*See* Page 26.)

April, 1873.—Graduated with Highest Academical Honours in Medicine and Surgery.